

# St. Mary's Church

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Parish Office Hours Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## MASSES:

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sun.: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (livestreamed),  
12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

 12:10 p.m. (except Wed.)

Wednesday & 1st Friday.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Holidays.....9:00 a.m.

Mass is livestreamed on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

The Church opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m.

except Wednesdays when we close at 8:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM INFORMATION:** Contact a priest or Catherine Ecker, Parish Catechist after Mass on Sunday.

**R.C.I.A.** - For adults wishing to become Catholic, and for the baptism of older children (aged 7-14). Contact Catherine Ecker.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** for school aged-children attending public/private alternate schools. Contact parish office.

## MINISTRIES TO THE HOSPITALIZED & SHUT-INS:

If you or a family member is admitted to the R.V.H. or are unable to attend Mass, please contact the parish office so that we may provide pastoral care.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish priest one year prior to the anticipated date of marriage. Couples are reminded not to book a banquet hall before meeting with the Pastor.

**Adoration Chapel:** Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

**Altar Servers:** Parish Office

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**Youth Adult Ministry:** Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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**Interfaith Refugee Committee:** Sheila Lewis-Watts  
705-737-1880

**Knights of Columbus:** Al MacLeod - 705-728-4076

**Lectors:** Parish Office

**Library:** Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor – ext. 104

Rev. Sávio Bruto da Costa, Associate Pastor – ext. 107

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence

Deacon Del Allan – ext. 125

Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant – ext. 101

Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist – ext. 115

Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister – ext. 116  
or 705-229-7426

David Murdoch, Pastoral Assistant

Pat Borho, Finance – ext. 102

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## PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843

St. Monica's School - 705-726-8221

Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

St. Marguerite d'Youville School - 705-726-5849

The Good Shepherd School - 705-728-2302

Sister Catherine Donnelly - 705-726-1221

St. Joseph's High School - 705-728-3120

Board Office - 705-722-3555

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All welcome

**Marriage Encounter:** John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

**Marriage Preparation:** Parish Office

**Maturing Adults:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

**Ministry Affirmation:** (Screening): Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**New Beginnings:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Religious Articles Store:** Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853

**Retrouaille:** (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007

**Rosary Apostolate** - Anné Gariepy - 705-305-0911

**Sacramental Preparation:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

**Simcoe Sojourners:** Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

**Social Life:** Parish Office

**St. Mary's Cemetery:** Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 705-722-0753

**Youth Ministry:** Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services.  
Registration forms are available in the church foyer, on our parish website, and in our parish office.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

|                        |            |   |
|------------------------|------------|---|
| Monday, December 11    | 10:00 a.m. | St. Monica's School at the school             |
|                        | 12:10 p.m. | † Jake Calvert                                |
| Tuesday, December 12   | 12:10 p.m. | † Margaret and John Duivenvoorde              |
| Wednesday, December 13 | 8:30 a.m.  | St. Joseph's High School at the school        |
|                        | 7:00 p.m.  | † Dean Edgar                                  |
| Thursday, December 14  | 9:30 a.m.  | The Good Shepherd School at the school        |
|                        | 12:10 p.m. | † Des Houlahan                                |
| Friday, December 15    | 9:30 a.m.  | St. Mary's School at the school               |
|                        | 12:10 p.m. | † Madeleine Reitz                             |
| Saturday, December 16  | 9:00 a.m.  | † Mary Ritchie; † Rita McNaughton             |
|                        |            | † Guy Léger; † Roland Gervais                 |
|                        |            | Int. of Monique Tessier; Int. of Lynda Stanek |



### Adoration Night with Bishop Boissonneau

All are invited to an evening of Adoration, today, **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will begin our evening with an inspirational talk from Bishop Boissonneau and, followed by music, reflection and silence with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments and sweet treats following Adoration.

**Praying for the Sick** - If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.

**Rest in Peace** We remember in prayer those who have died recently.

**Visiting the Hospital:** if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

**Children's Christmas Party – TODAY!**  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Hosted by The Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 in our parish hall. A special guest is expected! Snacks and refreshments for all!

#### Parish Support for 2024

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the parish hall. Thank you for your support!

#### Barrie & District Christmas Cheer

Please consider donating NEW unwrapped toys for all ages, knit hats/mitts and PC Gift Cards. Deadline for donations is **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring to the parish hall. You may also donate at <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or mail a cheque to: *Barrie & District Christmas Cheer, P.O. Box 161, Barrie L4M 4T2*, or text **"CHEER"** to 30333 from your cellphone. **(No food donations please)**.

**Parish Advent Confessions 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road*

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church**  
**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

*St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane*



To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

#### CELEBRATING ADVENT:

**A Season of Joyful Expectation**  
**Prayer for the Second Week of Advent**

Before your meal, light two candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

*Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.*

**Advent Reflection: Living in Hope**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

As we move closer to the feast of Christmas, give yourself a gift and gather for a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. The facilitator will be Father Scott Young. All are welcome to attend this session. Simple refreshments will be provided. Cost: free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

DECEMBER 10, 2023

# Christmas Mass Schedule

Please note: Because Christmas is on a Monday there is no 4:00 p.m. Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>

## Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,  
9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

## Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. (*this Mass will also be livestreamed*)  
12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 26

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 27

(Confessions 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 28

12:10 p.m.

Friday, December 29

12:10 p.m.

## Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

*Adoration from 6:00 p.m. until midnight*

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 2

12:10 p.m.

### All Adults 55+ Ministry with Maturing Adults



All are welcome to attend the various session offered for those in the second half of life.



**Christian Meditation** is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. We will

meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> on Zoom**. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).

**Alumni Writing Group:** this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>** in St. Joseph's Room.

### Preparing for Confirmation! Catechetical Meeting # 1: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor

All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Candidates, sponsors and parents are to attend. You only attend this meeting once. Please arrive before 7:00 p.m. so you are ready for Mass.

### Preparing for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

All families who have registered in the preparation process are to participate in the Enrolment ceremony at one of the Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **Dec. 9 / 10** or **Dec. 16 / 17**. Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. If you any questions / concerns regarding preparation for the sacraments please contact Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115,

### Youth Ministry



**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate**

**Roman Catholic Youth)** is for youth

grades J.K.-4 and gathers once a month on Friday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. **Our**

**next gathering is Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>!**



**EDGE** is a youth ministry program for youth grades 5-8 to come together

once a month on a Friday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. **Our next gathering is Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.**



**LIFE TEEN** –for high school

teens. Meets monthly on Sunday nights at 4:00 p.m. Our next

**gathering is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

For more info. on Youth Ministry, please email: [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

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